Note by the Secretariat

1. At its second meeting, held in Nairobi from 17 to 19 June 1991, the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention approved the budgets for the Vienna Convention Trust Fund for 1991, 1992 and 1993. The next meeting of the Conference will be held in November 1993, when the revised budget for 1993 and the budgets for 1994, 1995 and 1996 will be approved. By November 1993, it may be too late in the year for national Governments to provide for their contribution to the 1994 Vienna Convention Trust Fund budget in their national budgets.

2. The Secretariat therefore considers it advantageous to give early notice to the Parties of the approximate 1994 budget figures and their share so that they can provide for their contributions in their national budgets for 1994.

3. The budgets for 1991, 1992 and 1993, approved at the second meeting were $US813,690, $US351,430 and $US877,445, respectively. The budget for 1992 was low because there were no meetings of the Parties or other meetings in 1992. The same assumptions can be made for the 1994 budget year, and the budget for 1994 can be estimated at $US400,000, the slight increase over the 1992 figure being to allow for inflation. The likely 1994 budget estimate and the contribution of each of the parties based on this figure could be communicated to all the Parties with a request to provide for their contribution when preparing their national budgets for 1994.

4. The Bureau may wish to consider and, if found acceptable, endorse the course of action suggested above.